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REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Sir:

Applicants, through their attorney, respectfully request a one-month extension of time within which to respond to the Office Action dated June 6, 2005; this extension will allow applicants up to and including October 6, 2005 within which to respond.

A fee transmittal form, as well as authorization for credit card payment of the extension of time fee, are attached.

Respectfully submitted,

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